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North Ridgeville's Esber U Pick Blueberry Farms Say Hello to Steve Esber, North Ridgeville's Blueberry Man!

Steve is well known to many as head custodian for North Ridgeville Schools. He is also proprietor of Esbers Farm & Market at 7168 Case Road (just north of Center Ridge) in North Ridgeville.

Esbers Farms U Pick Blueberry Season is in full swing and Steve has been busy welcoming families for the wonderful summertime experience of filling your own bucket with the delectable berries under sunny July skies!

The market is open every day (except Mondays) and you are always welcome to call Steve at (216) 533-4706 to let him know you're coming. Steve also stocks an honor market stand in his front yard for after hours visitors.

Steve is a degreed horticulturist who fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning a small farm when he purchased the 2-plus acre parcel in 2015. He had the soil analyzed by experts for advice on planting selections. The answer came back - berries! Steve settled on blueberries over raspberries or strawberries because blueberries are his daughter's favorite.



Another beautiful load going out to market today don't forget to visit the Red Wagon farms in Columbia Station

Sun-ripened and ready to pick, Esbers Farms blueberries fresh from the vine are unforgettable. It's no wonder that he is an important supplier to well-known markets like Red Wagon Farms. "So proud to be one of the suppliers at the Red Wagon Farm in Columbia Station - all of us Farmers try to work together to supply you the freshest local food that's possible," says Steve.

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47th Annual North Ridgeville Corn Festival



The 2022 North Ridgeville Corn Fest promises to bring plenty of fun to the community over the weekend of Aug. 12-14.

"We're excited about presenting the 47th festival this year and we are looking forward to seeing many smiling faces. Plus we are hoping for great weather. Unfortunately we will not have amusement rides due to worker shortage with the amusement company. When the ride company notified us about their worker shortage it was too late to



Corn Festival Founder and Director John Butkowski and Golden Kernel Honoree Leo Hill with the Corn Festival mascots, Kernel, Poppie and Kandy at last year's festival.

hire another ride company," said John Butkowski, North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee President.

A highlight of the festival is the return of the Corn Eating Contest on Saturday after a two year hiatus. See if you can slam more ears of corn than anyone else in your age division!

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Steve also likes to discuss the drip-irrigation system he has installed and welcomes you to his greenhouse tunnel now alive with tomatoes, cukes, peppers and more. His ingenious method of stringing his tomatoes will give home gardeners ideas and he is happy to discuss the pruning of vine suckers to maximize your harvest.

"I'd like to thank everyone that came out to the farm today, what a wonderful day with a bunch of wonderful families and their children. I can't be more excited than to have everybody over," said Steve last weekend.

Families also love the experience. "My daughter loves

blueberries and we visited Esbers Farm to pick our own. She had the best time and the blueberries were AMAZING!!!!" says a guest. "They were so nice and knowledgeable. She even got to help feed their tortoise Dino!"

If you are headed to Case Road, approach from Center Ridge to avoid south-bound detours from Detroit.



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Opening ceremonies will begin on Friday including the Golden Kernal Award, Kiwanis Club Cutest Dog Contest Winner. The night concludes with high energy country rock music by Adam Calvert and ends with fireworks.

Saturday kicks off with the Corn Festival Car Show at South Central Park. Along with the Corn Eating Contest, Saturday will feature Chris Higbee Band to close the night.

The Grande Parade will take place on Sunday, beginning at the High School, and head down Ranger Way, Center Ridge Road, Root Road, Bainbridge Road and back to the High School. Music provided by DJ Guy will be at the gazebo followed by visiting Queens introductions and Grande Parade trophies.

Tony Schultz will be playing in the beer garden Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

There will be an Arts Council Craft Show, organized by the Senior Center.

Keith, the Roving Magician/Balloon Man, will be there all three days.

The Lorain County Prosecutor's office will do children's fingerprinting on Saturday.

The Fest promises to once again bring a summer highlight to the community.

The Grande Parade is set to start at 1:30 p.m. sharp on Aug. 14 from North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road. Registration is now open for parade participants and registration is per unit and is free for non-political units. Visit nrcornfest.org/2022-grande-parade to register. For more information on the parade, contact Mario Cipriano, parade chairman, at 440-328-7420 or ParadeChairman@NRCornFest.org.



The North Ridgeville 4H Ridge Kids at last year's Corn Festival Parade

Is there a person you know that has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a citizen of North Ridgeville? Is there someone involved in several different organizations making the city a better place to live? If so, the North Ridgeville Corn Festival Committee would like to recognize them! The Committee is looking for nominations for the annual Golden Kernel award. Nominate your Golden Kernel candidate online at nrcornfest.org! Applications are due July 22, 2022.

For more information on the festival, go to nrcornfest.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 12

6 pm	Grounds Open
6-8pm	Kids' Games at Poppee's Kids' Corner
6-9pm	Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
7pm	Opening Ceremonies at Gazebo
7:15pm	Golden Kernel Award
7:30pm	Kiwanis Club Cutest Dog Contest Winner Announcement*
8:30-10:30pm	Adam Calvert- High energy country rock at the gazebo
10:30pm	Fireworks
11pm	Grounds close

Saturday, August 13th

9am-Noon	Car Show Registration - South Central Park
9am-3pm	Corn Festival Car Show- South Central Park
11am	Grounds open
11am-3pm	Child Fingerprint Identification Cards at Lorain County Prosecutor Booth*
11am-4pm	Corn Eating Contest Registration at the NRCF Souvenir Tent
Noon-2pm	Car Show Voting- South Central Park
Noon-3pm	Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
1:30-3:30pm	Kids' Games at Poppee's Kids' Corner
4:30pm	Corn Eating Contest
5-6pm	Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
7-11pm	Tony Shultz in the Beer Garden
8:30-10:30pm	Chris Higbee Band at the gazebo - Chris' extraordinary fiddle playing has delivered energetic concerts across the country
11pm	Grounds close

Sunday, August 14th

Noon	Grounds open
Noon-6pm	Keith The Magic Man, Magic & Balloon Art
1-4pm	DJ Guy at the Gazebo
1:30pm	Grande Parade (High School->Ranger Way->Center Ridge West ->Root Rd ->Bainbridge->High School)
2-6pm	Tony Shultz in the Beer Garden
2:30-4:30pm	Kids' Games at Poppee's Kids' Corner
4pm	Visiting Queens Introduction at Gazebo
4:30pm	Grande Parade Trophies at Gazebo
6pm	Grounds close

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O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville Hosts Inaugural Summer Car Show

Proceeds Benefit Blessing House Children's Crisis House in Lorain

O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville hosted its Inaugural Summer Car Show June 14 in the community's front parking lot.

Owners of over 36 classic cars competed for First Place, Peoples' Choice, and Second Place Awards. Participants and attendees also enjoyed free live music, food, games, and ice cream.

A 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets for silent auction helped raise charitable funds that will directly benefit The Blessing House in Lorain, OH which is a Children's Crisis Center devoted to keep children safe and out of the court system.

"Thank you to all of the car owners, the staff at O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville, the band, our residents, and

local community members for making our Inaugural Car Show a memorable event for everyone!", said Trisha Brown, LNHA, Administrator of O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville. "We look forward to this becoming an annual event for years to come."

O'Neill Healthcare is committed to providing the finest healthcare services at our six communities—Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, and North Ridgeville. We maintain a sincere, respectful concern for each of our residents and families, and provide seniors with diverse, personalized, quality care.

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Enjoying the Sunshine at Northridge Health Center

On June 30 we enjoyed the Sunshine with the North Ridgeville Senior Center at their Summer Carnival!

We enjoyed the bean bag throw at our table which spoiling our Seniors!

They enjoyed finding out why The Northridge is "all that and a bag of chips!"

We love partnering with the NRSC to stay connected with our Seniors and the community!

We even had fun at the dunk booth with our Friends at Danbury Assisted living!

Our administrator Heather Johnson got the chance to Dunk Bob from Danbury and she did not disappoint!

We enjoyed today so much we are planning our own Carnival! Keep your eyes on our Facebook page for more details!



The 2nd Annual "Decorate-An-Ear-of-Corn Contest"

Sponsored by the North Ridgeville Arts Council - Let's Celebrate the 2022 North Ridgeville Corn Festival
General RULES: This contest is open only to children ages 8 to 10 who are residents of North Ridgeville, Ohio. • The corn artwork entry must contain only one (1) ear of fresh corn. • The final submission must fit the area of 12" X 12" X 12" because of limited display space. • The entry must be able to support itself. • Judges will be NR Arts Council members. • A completed entry form (see below) must be submitted with the corn artwork on the dates/times given. • Entries are due August 12 or 13, from 1 to 7pm, at the Arts Council table (Senior Center Craft Hall). • Children must be accompanied by an adult when submitting the corn artwork entry for safety/security reasons. • On Sunday Aug. 14, winners will be announced at 4p. Monetary prizes will be awarded (1st, 2nd, 3rd place). Please pick up corn artwork August 14, 4 and 7pm at the Arts Council table in the Senior Center.

GUIDELINES for creating the artistic corn artwork and **CRITERIA** for judging: An Original idea should be used, not one copied from any sources. The entry must be made by the child artist. • Added art supplies/media and embellishments should reveal Artistic Expression in the corn artwork. • There is neither theme nor required usage of the fresh corn. But, each entry should show the artist's Creativity. • Craftsmanship (the quality of being well-crafted or well-built; neatness) is also important.

Download the application form at www.nrsc.net or the Arts Council ridgevilleartscouncil.wordpress.com also available at the NR Public Library and NR City Hall. Any questions? Call: Mrs. Franks, 440-327-9647

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Men's Breakfast Schedule

It's a wonderful morning of friendship at our Men's Breakfast. If you are 55 or older, join us at 9 AM for a hot entrée, coffee, fruit cup, and juice are all included for the \$3.00 price. It's a fun-filled morning of good food, fellowship and a wonderful speaker or entertainment. To make reservations, please call (440) 353-0828 by 10 AM Wednesday morning.

August 4 - Kim Lieber, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of North Ridgeville will be here to talk about exciting plans and future development for the city.

Ladies Brunch Schedule

Ladies meet at 10:30 AM for friendly conversation and a program on Thursdays once a month. The Brunch is a hot entrée, fruit, juice and coffee for only \$3. Reservations by 10 AM Wednesday morning by calling (440) 353-0828.

July 21 - Garden Tea Party. Get your favorite dress and hat out for a garden-themed tea party. An assortment of iced and hot teas will be available along with tea-time snacks.

August 18 - Our lives are all marked by formative experiences. In your life, you may often find yourself wishing your mother or grandfather were still alive to tell you of their important experiences. Here is your chance to do just that for yourself and your family. Dottie Palazzo will join us to share the Akimbo Storytelling Workshop style of writing. She will provide an outline to follow when crafting your stories and share samples of her own writing and will also talk about Storyworth, an online service to organize and store your stories.

Reading Buddies

The Senior Center is partnering with Parks & Recreation and the library for a reading buddies program. The program pairs an older adult with one or two youth participating in our Parks and Recreation Summer Adventure Camp. Adults will help youth practice their reading skills in a non-judgmental environment. Each session lasts for approximately one hour and includes reading and fun literacy-based games (e.g. bingo, board games, riddles, Madlibs, etc.). The program runs every other Monday from 1-2 PM, July 25 and August 8. You need only sign up for the sessions you can make by calling (440) 353-0828.

Taco and Trivia Tuesday!

Come with a team or form one at the event. Lunch will be served at noon and trivia will start at 12:30 p.m. The cost per person is \$4.00. We will make it mild so if you want it spicy, bring your own hot sauce! Please RSVP by Monday at noon if you will be having lunch with us. If you are

just joining us for trivia, reservations are not required. Please call the front desk at 440-353-0828. Tuesday July 19; Tuesdays, August 16 and August 30.

Grandparents' Day Luau

The Senior Center is partnering with Parks & Recreation summer camp to celebrate grandparents and grandparent-figures. This luau themed event will be held on July 26 from 10-11:30 AM at South Central Park, Pavilion 1 and will include a group luau dance, contests for the kids judged by the grandparents, and a cake walk. A luncheon of hot dogs, potato salad, and fruit salad will be provided. The activity is FREE, but we do ask that you RSVP by calling (440) 353-0828.

Field Trip: Lakeview Cemetery

Enjoy a guided tour of the famous and historic cemetery. Lakeview Cemetery is located near University Circle. The van will depart the Senior Center at 9 AM for the 10 AM tour. After the tour, enjoy lunch at Guarino's in Little Italy. The fee is \$10, which covers the cost of the tour and transportation—lunch is on your own. Space is limited, please register.

Produce Stand Tours

Produce Stand Tours will take place on August 8 and August 24 at 2:00 PM. We will tour Willie's, Gerhart's, and Redbarn produce stands—the three partner with Heart & Sole for summer produce bags. You will have an opportunity to purchase fresh, locally-grown produce and talk with the growers. Tours last approximately two hours and each participant will receive a produce buck to spend at the stands. The Senior Center van will depart at 1:45 PM from the Senior Center. Call (440) 353-0828 to register or register via MyActiveCenter.

Intergenerational Olympics

Based on the success of our Intergenerational Winter Olympics, we are holding a summer Olympics event on August 9 at 10 AM-12 Noon. Youth and older adults will form teams for a fun competition of activities such as chair volleyball and Olympic Jeopardy! Sign up with a youth in your life as a team, or sign up on your own. There will be an opening ceremony and live commentary of the event! RSVP at (440) 353-0828. A boxed lunch will be provided. This event is FREE!

Ice Cream Social

What does your balance system and an ice cream sundae have in common? Join our friends from Brookdale Home Health on August 15 at 2:00 PM for an Ice Cream Social. Delicious ice cream will be provided FREE of charge. Please RSVP by calling (440) 353-0828.

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North Ridgeville Senior Center Summer Carnival

A great time was had by all at the North Ridgeville Senior Center summer Carnival event. Special thanks to all our partners for providing fun- O'Neill Healthcare, Westwood Place, Brookdale Home Health, Life Care Centers, The Northridge and Danbury Senior Living. Shout out to Bob Pontius of Danbury for supplying the dunk tank- our seniors have some great throwing arms, some are even being scouted by the Guardians!



NORTH RIDGEVILLE PARKS & REC

Summer Concert Series 2022
Bring your entire family out along with your chairs or blanket to enjoy the free summer concert series at South Central Park Gazebo. Concerts are subject to cancellation because of weather conditions. For updates during the season you can visit the Parks & Recreation Department Rainout Line Tab on their webpage or call the Rainout Line at (440) 210-6226. Below are the

bands scheduled for this summer.
Sunday, July 24, 2022 from 6-8 PM: Rubix Cubed (80's Music)

Outdoor Nerf Battle

Get ready for a competitive, action-packed afternoon in the first ever Outdoor Nerf™ Battle! Age groups will be split into two teams and will play three

games. Games include Capture the Flag, Team Battle Royale and Group Choice. Safety goggles will be provided if child does not have any. You must bring your own Nerf™ gun, bullets will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. For rules and information, please check out the "forms" tab with Nerf™ Battle Rules on our website. Parents can join in the last half hour of each age group. In case of inclement weather

we will move indoors.
Ages: 6-12 years old. Pre-Registration Fee: \$30 Resident / \$40 Non-Resident. Location: SCP Basketball Courts 7565 Avon Belden Rd. August 14, 2022: 2:00-3:30 PM Ages: 6-8 • 3:45-5:15 PM Ages: 9-12. To register, visit Parks & Recreation <https://northridgeville.recdesk.com/>.

Lions Club of North Ridgeville 28th Annual 5K and Fun Run

It's that time of year again! The Lions Club of North Ridgeville is hosting their annual 5K and 1 mile Fun Run on Saturday, August 13. See flyer for details. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/NorthRidgeville/NorthRidgevilleLionsClubRun>

Where: N. Ridgeville Ranger Stadium at 34600 Bainbridge Rd. N. Ridgeville, OH 44039.
When: Saturday, Aug. 13th, 2022, 5K @ 9:00am/Fun Run @ 8:45am Pre-registration-7:30 am
Pre-Race Pick-up on Friday, August 12th from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
Timing: Hermes Chip Time
Distance: 5K and Fun Run
Cost: Age 19 & under \$20 Pre-Race registration / \$25 Day of Race
Mail-in Pre-Race registration \$25.00 (postmarked before August 8th)
Online Pre-Race registration \$25.00 (midnight August 11th)
Day of Race-\$30.00 & Fun Run \$10.00
Registration includes t-shirt and a custom finisher medal (Custom shirts to all registered by August 1st, *subject to availability day of race*), post-race refreshments, water stops, overall first for 5K trophy and first, second & third place age group medals.
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July 23rd @ 6:00 pm

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Visiting North Ridgeville Fire Station

Shoutout to the North Ridgeville Fire Department for organizing a wonderful tour of Station 1 for extended school year students in grades K-2! Students engaged with the vehicles and became comfortable interacting with first responders.



Congratulations Lillian

Congratulations to junior Lillian West who recently won the USA High School Clay Target League, female division, national championship! This is the first year the league had a female division. Lilly hit 197/200 targets!



NR Heart & Sole Cooking Contest

What new recipes have you made this summer with fruits and veggies? Show us! Participate in the July cooking contest. Message us a picture of your recipe or email nrheartandsole@gmail.com to be entered to win a prize. Pictures must be submitted by July 28. Winner will be announced on Facebook. Need some inspiration? Check out this recipe: www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2YOM-xTd50. Recipe recorded by Lorain Public Library System

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Summer Scavenger Hunt: The month of July at all six branches. Go exploring with the scavenger hunt list, available at any of our branches! Snap a photo of each item you find and share it on social media with the hashtag #LPLSFound. Participants can seek on their own or as part of a group the only rules are to be creative and have fun!

Maker in Residence: Open Studio Hours: Tuesdays, July 19; 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Stop in and visit with our current Maker in Residence, music producer Fayaven Barbee Jr, and learn about his techniques and methods as he works on songwriting, recording, and much more.

Book Discussions: Wednesday, July 20; 2:30 p.m. at the Miller Nature Preserve "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris • Wednesdays, July 20; 6:30 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch "Memory Man" by David Baldacci - Spend time each month discussing a great book and making new friends. Copies of the books are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required.

Baby and Me Story Time: Thursdays, July 21, 28; Aug. 4; 10 to 10:30 a.m. • Mondays, July 25; Aug. 1; 10 to 10:30 a.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Bounce, wiggle and play at this interactive story time. For babies, birth through 18 months, or early walkers, with their caregivers. Preregistration required.

Fiber Arts Groups: Monday, July 25; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - For new and long time knitters and crocheters. If you have a "UFO" (an Unfinished Object) that you would like to work on with us, bring it or start something new!

Jump into Kindergarten: Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Soon to be kindergarteners will learn about the skills they need to know for entering school. Activities will showcase what they know and need to learn before the big day arrives.

Writers Groups: Saturday, July 23; 2 to 3:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Join us in these pressure free and friendly writing groups. Engage in writing exercises and peer critiques, as well as support for

whatever project you are working on. Preregistration required. Hybrid

Senior Reading Buddies Volunteering: Monday, July 25; 1 to 2 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - The North Ridgeville Branch Library, in partnership with the North Ridgeville Senior Center and North Park and Rec, is looking for senior volunteers—ages 50 and older—to participate in our Senior Reading Buddies program. Senior Reading Buddies is a 60 minute program combining shared reading, a craft, and bingo. Each senior will be paired with one or two school age students to assist them in practicing their reading skills. This program will take place at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Preregistration required.

Drop In Snow Lab: Tuesday, July 26; 1 to 4 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Dreaming of cold weather during the hot summer months? Stop by the library for snow themed experiments and crafts. Intended for children ages 3 and up.

Bad Art Night for Adults: Thursday, July 28; 6 to 7:30 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Let your imagination

and sense of humor run wild and create the worst piece of art in the room. All materials will be provided. Intended for ages 18 and up. Preregistration required.

Messy Baby Playdate: Friday, July 29; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Messy, mouth safe play for babies and toddlers ages 6 to 36 months. Preregistration required.

Drop In Shark Party: Tuesday, Aug. 2; 1 to 4 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Stop by the library for shark themed activities and crafts. Intended for children ages 3 and up.

Heart and Sole Fresh Produce Pick Ups: Tuesdays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 2 to 3 p.m., North Ridgeville Branch - Support North Ridgeville farmers by reserving a fresh produce bag for pick up at the North Ridgeville Branch. For more information and to view other produce pickup locations, visit facebook.com/nrheartandsole/ or email nrheartandsole@gmail.com.

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